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ORANGE COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for
Aviation and International Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Application of Norse Atlantic Airways AS for Exemption and a Foreign Air Carrier Permit, Docket No. DOT-OST-2021-0117

Please accept this letter as the Orange County Chamber of Commerce's expressed support for the application of Norse Atlantic Airways AS ("Norse") for an Exemption and Foreign Air Carrier Permit to provide scheduled service between Oslo, Norway, and New York Stewart International Airport ("SWF").

Norse's selection of SWF is notable. In 2019, SWF generated \$410 million in economic activity, including 2,196 jobs and \$139 million in annual wages. In 2020, the Hudson Valley region (which includes the airport and contiguous counties) experienced some of the nation's highest rates of net in-migration. The proposed service would provide low-fare, non-stop transatlantic connections for an affluent, fast-growing population and support local tourism and business development as New York welcomes returning international visitors.

Additionally, with the recent completion of a \$37M state-of-the-art U.S. Federal Inspection Station, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey continues to invest in SWF's future as an efficient international gateway and economic engine for New York's Mid-Hudson region and beyond.

On behalf of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce and it's members, we look forward to welcoming Norse's service at New York Stewart International Airport and urge you to consider approval.

Sincerest regards,

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